(b) The Government of India has formulated National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP). It is a comprehensive programme aimed at various issues that need to be addressed to bring holistic growth in the Indian Shipping Industry. Under the NMDP, Shipping Corporation of India, only Public Sector Shipping Company, is in the process of acquiring a total of 76 new vessels with a total outlay of Rs. 15,000 crores, to be completed in phases till end 2011-2012. Of these, 5 ships have already been delivered, orders have been placed for construction of 29 vessels and remaining 42 vessels are planned for acquisition during the remaining Eleventh Plan period.

In order to create a level playing field for the Indian shipping companies with their global counter parts, the Government has introduced Tonnage Tax regime in India since the year 2004 by which the tax outgo for Indian shipping companies has been brought in line with international standard. Further, the liberalized policy on Ship acquisition has been introduced and acquisition of all types of ships has been brought under Open General License (OGL). Besides 100% FDI has been permitted in Ship acquisition and registration formalities of newly acquired ships have been simplified.

Atomic power stations

†*258. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of atomic power stations in the country and their total power generation capacity;

(b) the actual quantum of power generation thereof; and

(c) the reasons for difference, if any, in their capacity and actual generation of power and the steps taken by Government to ensure their full power generation capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) There are six nuclear power stations having seventeen nuclear power reactors in the country with a total installed capacity of 4120 MWe.

(b) In the year 2007-08, the generation was 16964 Million Units. The generation in first eight months of the year 2008-09 has been 10375 MUs.

(c) Following capacity is currently not available for generation:—

Reactor	Power (MWe)	Reason
RAPS-1	100	Safety and Techno economic Evaluation for continuation of operation
RAPS-2	200	Fuel Loading is to be done
NAPS-2	220	En-masse Coolant Channel Replacement
KAPS-1	220	En-masse Coolant Channel Replacement
TOTAL	740	

Thus the capacity currently available for generation is 3380 MWe. Out of this, 320 MWe (Tarapur Atomic Power Station units 1 and 2) uses low enriched imported Uranium and is being

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